

MARKED VERSION OF THE AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

15. (Amended) A modular transportable walkway path modularly fabricated at a location remote with respect to a preexisting building and then connected to the preexisting building upon assembly thereof, the walkway path comprising:

(a) a plurality of [at least one] portable, self-anchoring walkway [unit] units, each said unit including a base constructed of reinforced concrete, and said base having at least two opposing ends, and said units are aligned end to end to form said walkway path extending from unit to unit, and each said base having a top surface and a periphery defining a width and length of said walkway path when said walkway units are aligned;

(b) each said opposing end on a base being coupled with respect to an opposing end of an adjacent walkway unit [each said opposing end on a base being secured with respect to an opposing end of an end of a base on an adjacent walkway unit]; and,

(c) each said walkway unit having been modularly constructed at a location remote with respect to a preexisting building and transported from said location and installed to form said walkway path extending from said preexisting building [a coupling mechanism connected with each said walkway unit for attachment to a transport means for moving the walkway unit].

16. The walkway path of claim 1 wherein each said end has a joint portion integrally formed thereon for interconnecting the walkway unit with an adjacent structure.

17. The walkway path of claim 1 wherein said joint portion is a female joint.

18. The walkway path of claim 1 wherein said joint portion is a male joint.

19. The walkway path of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of upwardly extending support members mounted within the base, and a roof mounted to the support members in spaced relation to the base.

20. (Amended) A modular transportable walkway path modularly fabricated at a location remote with respect to a preexisting building and then connected to the preexisting building upon assembly thereof, the walkway path comprising:

(a) a plurality of self-anchoring walkway, portable units, each said unit having a base constructed of reinforced concrete, and said base having at least two opposing ends, and said units are aligned end to end to form said walkway path;

(b) each said opposing end on a base having joint portions integrally formed thereon and interconnected in mating relation with a joint portion of a base for an adjacent walkway unit; and,

(c) each said walkway unit having been transported from a unit fabrication site and installed to form said walkway path, and at least one end having been connected to a preexisting building and said walkway path extending therefrom [a coupling mechanism connected with each said walkway unit for attachment to a transport means].

21. The walkway path of claim 20 wherein said joint portion on the base of a first walkway unit includes a female joint having a concave portion extending transversely along an end of the base, and a male joint having a convex shaped portion in mating relationship with said female joint, and said male joint is connected to said adjacent walkway.

22. The walkway path of claim 21 wherein said male portion includes a convex shaped portion integrally formed on an end of said adjacent walkway unit, and extending transversely thereon.

23. The walkway path of claim 21 wherein said adjacent walkway also having a female joint having a concave portion extending transversely along an end of the base thereof, and abutting said first walkway unit and said male joint including at least one

cylinder disposed within said female joints, and said pathway further comprising a plate member secured to each said base of the first and adjacent walkway unit, interconnecting the walkway units to another.

24. The walkway path of claim 20 wherein at least one of the walkway units of said plurality includes a base formed in the shape of a 'I' and includes three ends which are each adapted for interconnection with an adjacent walkway unit.

25. The walkway path of claim 20 wherein at least one of the walkway units having a base formed as in intersection and includes four ends, each of which is adapted for interconnection with adjacent walkway units.

26. (Amended) The method of [providing] assembling a [nonpermanent] transportable walkway path extending from a preexisting building, comprising the steps of:

(a) constructing a plurality of concrete bases, each said base having upper substantially planar surface and at least one end along the base, and each said base having a sufficient weight to eliminate the need for anchoring devices or methods to secure said bases to the ground;

[(b) integrally forming one or more joint portions with the end of each said base;]

[(c)] (b) transporting the plurality of bases to a desired location having at least one preexisting building for assembly of the walkway extending from the preexisting building; and

[(d)] (c) aligning the bases end to end, and aligning an end of at least one of said bases with a doorway of a preexisting building for assembly of the walkway path from said building; and,

(c) interconnecting the joint portions of the bases for assembly of the walkway path].